

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: DA

DANIEL WOODRUFF ET AL.

APPLICATION NO.:

09/782,216

FILED:

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For:

PROCESSING APPARATUS INCLUDING

A REACTOR FOR ELECTROCHEMICALLY

ETCHING A MICROELECTRONIC

WORKPIECE

EXAMINER: BRIAN L. MUTSCHLER

ART UNIT: 1753

CONFIRMATION NO: 9703

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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' Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed March 12, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 1-12. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

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